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- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee voted to pass a bill that would revamp the Toxic Substances Control Act. The action, however, drew criticism from the American Chemistry Council because of the bill's "unworkable safety standard" and provisions that would hamper innovation. "After a cursory review, we believe the bill is still fundamentally flawed in many critical areas," ACC said. [Chemical & Engineering News](#) (7/25), [New Haven Independent \(Conn.\)/NHI Nanoblog](#) (7/25), [Bloomberg Businessweek](#) (7/25), [Chemical Week \(subscription required\)](#) (7/25), [Chemical Week \(subscription required\)](#) (7/25)
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- New York cannot file a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies over the impact of hydraulic fracturing on the state's water supply, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra Levy. The agencies have no jurisdiction over the Delaware River Basin Commission, which regulates natural gas drilling in the region, Levy told a federal court in Brooklyn. "The federal defendants didn't cause the rules to be proposed and can't stop them from being issued," Levy said. [Bloomberg](#) (7/24)
- [Report: States face data, manpower problems in inspecting wells](#)
- Determining the number of inspectors needed for oil and natural gas wells is difficult because of the lack of data on wells in many states, according to a report from the group Resources for the Future. Some states lack the information at the same time they are trying to deal with shale-gas development regulations. [EENews.net \(free content\)/EnergyWire](#) (7/25)

- [Report: N.D. to become a major player in U.S. natural gas landscape](#)
- North Dakota's natural gas output may grow about sixfold by 2025 as the state realizes the long-term potential of its natural gas supplies, according to a study conducted by Bentek Energy and commissioned by the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. "These growth expectations will push the basin into a more leading role in supplying the U.S. natural gas market," the report said. "It shows that the ratio of natural gas to oil will continue to increase as the wells age," said Justin Kringstad, director of the state's pipeline authority. [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.\)](#)

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- [EPA: Tests find water in Pa. town safe despite natural gas drilling](#)
- Tests conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency found that drinking water in Dimock, Pa., is safe, despite residents' claims that natural gas drilling in the area has polluted the town's aquifer, the agency said. There is no necessity to provide alternative drinking water sources and no need for further water tests, the EPA said. Such results mean that "we're now able to close this chapter once and for all," said Kathryn Klaber, president and executive director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition. [The Washington Post/The Associated Press](#) (7/25)

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- Canada's Methanex is preparing to relocate an idled methanol plant in Chile to a facility in Geismar, La. Components of the plant will be transported by sea to the U.S. "The advent of shale gas in the U.S. and Canada has really pushed natural gas prices to a level where you can manufacture a product like methanol and expect quite a profitable investment," said Methanex President and CEO Bruce Aitken. [The Globe and Mail \(Toronto\)](#) (7/25), [ICIS News \(U.K.\)](#)/(subscription required) (7/25)

- [Scientists develop nanorod-based method of energy absorption in solar cells](#)
- Researchers at the Materials and Surface Science Institute at Ireland's Limerick University have come up with a low-cost method to organize nanorods to facilitate an efficient absorption of heat in solar cells. "There are two components to what we've done -- we've managed to synthesize the rods and develop technology to assemble them so they're all packed together and perpendicular," said Dr. Kevin Ryan, one of the researchers. [The Engineer \(U.K.\)](#) (7/25)

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3 leadership lessons from Sally Ride

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